

REMARKS

Claims 1-75 are presented. Claims 36-53, 55 and 72-75 have been cancelled in this amendment. Claims 1-35, 54 and 56-71 are pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 36-53 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Barnes. Claims 72-75 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over the combination of Siczek and Scheid. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections, but have cancelled the claims for the reasons described below.

Claims 1-35, 54 and 56-71 were allowed. For the reason only of expediting allowance of claims 1-35, 54 and 56-71, and not by way of agreement with the Examiner's position regarding claims 36-53, 55 and 72-75, Applicant has amended the claims to cancel the claims at issue; arguments regarding their patentability will be provided in a later filed continuation.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable, and a notice of allowance is hereby solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the case in person, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at 781-999-7339.

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Respectfully Submitted
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